

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1075
By Crutchfield

A RESOLUTION to recognize Garrett Flynn Martin on being
named National Eagle Scout of the Year.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young people with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout, and Garrett Flynn Martin, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, the son of Fred and Rhonda Martin of McMinnville, Garrett has demonstrated considerable ability as a leader among his peers; named the American Legion Department of Tennessee Eagle Scout of the Year, Mr. Martin was further selected as National Eagle Scout of the Year; with this honor came a \$10,000 scholarship from The American Legion National Headquarters and an invitation to attend the 86th Annual National Convention of the American Legion, which was held in Nashville in August of 2004; and

WHEREAS, Garrett Martin has an extensive record of scouting achievements, and in addition to his distinguished record of service in numerous leadership positions, he has been awarded the Dr. Courtenay Award for Outstanding 2002 Middle Tennessee Eagle Scouts, has earned all 120 Merit Badges, has five Palms and three Religious Emblems, is a member of the Order of the Arrow, and has attended National Jamborees and the 2003 World Jamboree in Thailand; and

WHEREAS, Garrett's Eagle project greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of Volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, Garrett and his fellow Scouts from Troop 631 invested many hours in the planning and completion of the flag retirement ceremony held on September 10, 2002; in commemoration of Patriot Day, this worthy project featured scouts delivering brief monologues to honor and remember this nation's veterans and the retirement of some 150 worn and tattered American flags; and

WHEREAS, after all of the flags were retired, Taps was played as the scouts stood vigil over the fire to ensure that no flag remnants remained; the ashes were then buried; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Garrett Flynn Martin as one of the most outstanding young people in our State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Garrett Flynn Martin on becoming an Eagle Scout and for being named National Eagle Scout of the Year and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.